

A
LETTER

SENT FROM THE INHABITANTS OF

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To the Right Worshipfull the high Sheriffe,
and the rest of the *Gentry* in the County of *Yorke*, now
attending his *Sacred Majesties* pleasure.

Whereunto is annexed,

The humble Petition of the *Gentry, Ministers,*
and *Free-Holders* of the Countie Palatine of *Che-*
sher, and of the Inquests serving at the Assizes for
the body of the said County.

Presented to His Maiesty at York, May the 7.

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TO
THE RIGHT WORSHIP-
FULL THE HIGH SHERIFF, AND
the rest of the Gentry, in the
Countie of York, now attending his
sacred Majesties pleasure.

Gentlemen,

Now (if ever) stand fast, quit your
selves as Fathers of your Countrey,
let it appeare before God and all
the World, that truly generous blood
runnes in Your veines; Evidence in Gods
Name, your heartiest loyaltie and dearest af-
fection to his most sacred Majesty. But while
you remember the King, forget not the King-
dome for the Lords sake; put not asunder
those things which God hath so neerly joyn-
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ed together, oh consider the honour, the cause of God: the good successe of this present Parliament, your lives, lawes, liberties, your temporall, your spirituall welfare lie all bleeding this day at your owne feet, and earnestly supplicate your best assistance.

Tell us we beseech you; shall we die, and you live? Can it possiblie go well with you while ill with us? Is it not your owne cause and quarrel? Nay, Gods and the Kings which we maintaine? Stand you not as much interested, and as deeply ingaged to appeare, for God and the Kings honour as we our selves? VVere we disposed to Recriminate, we could Anathomize before God and man the worthlesnesse of thole unreasonable men, who such the great Zealots, not onely for the ruine, but the Eclipsing of the glory of this blessed Parliament.

But our intent only is, to beg that at your ^{owne} hands which in Justice you dare not. and in charity (we are sure) ought not to deny us, and that is your helpe and utmost indeavours in this Nicke of our (we had almost said your) greatest Necessity. *Be assured there was never a greater prize in your hands then at this time.*

In poor Hull art imbarckd two of the
Richest Jewels in the World. Gods
truth, and Christendoms Peace: each of
which in valuation far exceed a Kings
Ransome. We delight not in a needlesse
and superfluous expence of words, and
therfore we shall in short tell you, what
we or rather God expects this day at all
your hands, viz. That you (and that with
instance) Petition his most excellent Maie-
sty, oo vouchsafe the influence of his royal fa-
vour and gracious presence to his great
Councell, the High Court of Parliament, the
only way (in humane apprehension) to stanch
the bleeding wounds of Ireiand and distra-
cted England.

That you now help the Lord against
the mighty.

That with as humble boldnesse you
manifest your extream unwillingnesse
to come in an hostile way against us,
least you bring guiltlesse bloud upon
your own heads, and kindle such a fire
in England, as will never be quenched:
Assure your selves, that without much
caution

caution and greatest circumspection and
may raise up such a spirit as will not
be Conjured down again in hast. Wor-
thier, Ponder we beseech you our pre-
sent but sad condition, set your selves be-
fore Gods awfull Bar, make our case your
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Let your Consciences speak, would you
betray so great a trust committed to you,
by so great a Councel? would you that
we should wound through your sides
Heaven and Earth? What you shall at-
tempt against us, will in the reflection
result upon God, the King, the Church,
the State, your selves; Would you to
satisfie a good King set open the Gates,
and with the same curtesie gratifie a ve-
ry bad company, who seeke nothing
lesse then either the safetie of his Maje-
sties Royall Person and Posteritie; or
the securitie of his Dominions & Lieg-
people? would You have us wash our
hands in your dearest blood? In snm,
would you have us render you the peo-
ple of the Kings wrath? We are confi-
dent

dent you would not ; Doe then (according to the primordially Law) as you would be done unto. Strike in wee beseech You effectually whilest You have time, put not God upon another course of deliverance, lest the Honour of *Yorkshire* be laid in the dust for ever.

Oh ; give us in this great streight, reall testimonie of Your affections ; and You shall for ever have the acknowledg^{ment} of the reall obligations of all.

Your affectionate Friends and

bumble Servants , in the

poore Towne of Hull.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Petition of the Gentry, Ministers and Freeholders of the County Palatine of Chester, &c.

Humbly sheweth,

That though our heart breaking griefs have bin many and great, though a lively apprehension of our wofull distractions, which have bin of late much increased by this long night of your absence from your great Councell, yet we have had some surviving reliques of hope, that the sighs and groans, the tears and prayers of so many dutifull and well affected subjects from all parts might (in time) have bin accepted and at length have proved powerfull to have melted your Royall breast into compassion, and with (such a loving and pleasant violence) might have won you to imbrace again with all tendernesse your whole Kingdom, as it is at this present represented in Parliament.

But now wee lament that even those hopes appear to us gasly as breathing their last, having little vigor remaining in them to uphold our hearts for our sorrows are doubled, our fears multiplied, by the Report of your Majesties Resolution to undertake a dangerous voyage into your Kingdom of *Ireland*, wheron we look with much wonder and astonishment, far be it from you dread Sovereign to blame our hearts, which (guided by the strength of law and duty) cannot consent to a Journey so perillous, by which your Royall person (wherin we challenge so great an Interest, that it is no more Yours than ours) shall undergo variety of dangers by Sea and Land, wind and waters, &c,

And if God (*the Guardian and Preserver of Princes*) shall safely waite you over, what valuable security can be given us of Your life being amongst such Papish barbarous, and cruell Rebels, as (having banished the sense of all Religion, Piety, and Humanity, and rejecting God, and You their King from reigning over them, &c. We beseech your Majesty have its proper work upon them, and your mercy upon Vs, by granting our prayers to these particulars.

To comfort our hearts by your residing where you may with best conveniency consult with your great Councell before you thus hazard your person and your people.

To consider to what danger hereby you expose us by the popish faction, when your Majesty shall leave us naked, and not put into a posture de-

defence, to repell the rage and attempts of the Enemies to our Religion when we have too just cause to fear that they do but wait for an opportunity to bring to birth their cruell Conceptions, And what so great Advantage can they hope for, *as would be this of your absence.*

To advise whether this Journey would not much retard the intended Relief for *Ireland* since (upon the first rumor) many who were minded to subscribe therto, do demur in their proceedings, and others wish they might recall what they have subscribed.

Not to deprive us at once of that poor Remainder of hope we have to reap further good by the endeavours of your *Parliament* wherof We shall despair when Your presence shall be wanting to infuse life in their life proposalls and Conclusions.

To believe that a Journey to *White-Hall* will be the more for Your Honour and Safety, and far more acceptable to Your truest Subjects then a Voyage to *Ireland*.

To view at our humble intreaty that part of King *David's* story, who being resolved in person to War against his own Rebels, acquainted the people with his Intention in these words of Resolution, *I will go with you my self also*, but his best Subjects (that were ready to hazard their Lives for him, would not suffer him to venter his Regall Person which was to them so perilous) opposed him these Terms, *Thou shalt not go forth*, neither did *David* reject them as presumptuous, knowing that their confident expression in that particular was the Issues of their duty and love, but gave them this mild and satisfactory Reply, (which we humbly beg may be your Majesties Answer to Your *Parliament* : Us, And all other Your good Subjects) what seemeth you best, that will We do,

So shall we pray, &c.

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